

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the Advisory Action dated March 22, 2006, the Final Office Action dated December 06, 2005, entry of Amendment B filed March 06, 2006, and entry of present Amendment C is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter Amendment B prior to the entering of the present Amendment C.

First, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy shown during the telephone interview of March 27, 2006. In addition, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his helpful recommendations on how to amend the claims to positively recite the present invention.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled.

Claims 16-26 have been added. Support for new Claims 16-26 can be found on Figures 1 and 3 as originally filed; and Claims 1-15 as originally filed.

No new matter has been added to the claims by the present amendment.

Applicant believes that the present set of claims are allowable in view of the cited prior art.

Applicant note that the THIEL reference fails to teach: 1) a substantially **uniformly shaped** housing including at least two detachable segment bodies; 2) at least one **interconnection attachment point** for interconnecting with the attachment point of an adjacent segment body; and 3) at least two of the plurality of segment bodies being selectively attached together by the interconnection attachment points **wherein each of the segment bodies is being shaped to complement one another to form the housing when interconnected.**

A major structure difference between the THIEL reference and the present invention is that the present invention forms a uniformly shaped housing.

The device of the THIEL reference is made up of several flashlights connected together in **parallel** relationship by a clamp (Column 1, lines 21-25, lines 14-15, and 87-94).

A second major difference between the present invention and the prior art is that each of the segment body is being **shaped to complement one another to form the housing when interconnected**. See **Figures 1 and 3**.

The THIEL reference shows a plurality of flashlights mounted in parallel position into a clamp. Thus, there is not any technological reason to shape the flashlights to compliment the shape of the adjacent flashlight. Furthermore, the flashlights of the reference **are not in direct contact** with each other forming an uniformly shaped housing.

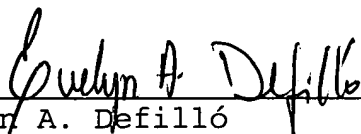
Further more, Applicant notes that the reference utilizes a clamp in which the pluralities of flashlights are bolted. (Page 1, lines 87-94 of the reference). The flashlights do not have the interconnecting attachment point. It is the clamp that contains the attachment points (which do not interconnect with each other). Furthermore, the flashlights are not in direct contact with each other. These features are important to allow the segment bodies to form the uniformly shaped housing.

Accordingly, withdrawn of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable consideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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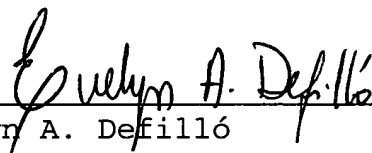
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I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT C for U.S. Application No. 10/659,665 filed September 10, 2003, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 05, 2006.



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